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 - ☒ Box No. I Basis of the report
 - ☐ Box No. II Priority
 - ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
 - ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
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 - ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ the claims:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 3	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 3	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 3	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents are referred to in this report:

D1: US 6015825 A (18 January 2000)
D2: US 5495024 A (27 February 1996)
D3: US 2001/0012843 A1 (9 August 2001)
D4: US 5478826 A (26 December 1995)

1. Novelty and Inventive Step

The present invention relates to an azole derivative of formula (I) having a fluorovinyl moiety with antifungal activity against a wide spectrum of pathogenic fungi and advantageously low toxicity. D1 discloses triazole derivatives which have antifungal activity and are useful in the treatment of fungal infections in animals, including humans.

D2 discloses an optically active azole compound which is useful as an antifungal agent.

D3 discloses water-soluble prodrugs of triazole antifungal compounds having a secondary or tertiary hydroxy group.

D4 discloses orally active azole derivatives with antifungal activity.

None of D1-D4 discloses an azole derivative of formula (I) in the present invention.

The antifungal azole derivatives in D1-D4 differ from the compounds of formula (I) in the present invention in that the compounds of formula (I) have different heteroaryl and aryl moieties including A on the right side of the backbone structure.

Those who skilled in the art would not be able to expect the changes in the backbone structure of the antifungal azole derivatives of formula (I) in the present invention from D1-D4.

Therefore, claims 1-3 of the present invention are considered to be novel and involve an inventive step over D1-D4 [Article 33(2) and 33(3) PCT].

2. Industrial Applicability

The subject-matter of claims 1-3 appears to be industrially applicable [Article 33(4) PCT].